## CLAIMS

## I claim:

- 1. A folding banjo and guitar stand, comprising:
- a first inverted U-shaped bar, with an upper portion, a middle portion and a lower portion with two ends, that acts as a rear support for a banjo or a guitar being secured in an upright position by a second inverted U-shaped bar, with an upper portion and a lower portion with two ends, that is attached to the lower portion of the first inverted U-shaped bar and two folding support hinges that attach the upper portion of the first inverted U-shaped bar to the upper portion of the second inverted U-shaped bar.
- 2. The stand according to claim 1, wherein the two folding support hinges can lock in a single position, enabling the second inverted U-shaped bar and the two folding support hinges to support the first inverted U-shaped bar in a locked upright position, while resting on a ground surface.

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- 3. The stand according to claim 1, wherein each end of the lower portion of the second inverted U-shaped bar is turned-up to hold the bottom of a banjo or a guitar being supported by the folding banjo and guitar stand.
- 4. The stand according to claim 3, wherein the lower portion of the second inverted U-shaped bar extend perpendicularly from the lower portion of the first inverted U-shaped bar to hold the bottom of a guitar or a banjo being secured by the folding banjo and guitar stand.
- 5. The stand according to claim 3, wherein the lower portion of the second inverted U-shaped bar is provided with a cushioned thermoplastic coating.
- 6. The stand according to claim 1, wherein the two folding support hinges can be folded-up to bring the second inverted U-shaped bar into a flat planar position with the first inverted U-shaped bar.

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- 7. The stand according to claim 1, wherein the ends of the lower portion of the first inverted U-shaped bar are provided with a protective thermoplastic coating.
- 8. The stand according to claim 1, wherein a cushioned thermoplastic coating is provided on the upper portion and the middle portion of the first inverted U-shaped bar.